

## Amendments to the Claims/Listing of Claims

1-8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) A pet securing device configured to couple to one of a horizontal surface and a vertical surface, the pet-securing device comprising:

a frame including a first ~~and second portions, the first~~ portion defining a perimeter, the perimeter generally shaped like an animal; and

a bar coupled to the frame, the bar extending from the frame and configured to receive a leash.

10. (Previously Presented) The pet securing device of claim 9, wherein the perimeter is generally shaped like a dog.

11. (Currently Amended) The pet securing device of claim 9, wherein the frame defines a first plane and the first ~~and second portions lie~~ portion lies in the first plane.

12. (Currently Amended) The pet securing device of claim 9, wherein the first portion is positioned in a substantially vertical plane and ~~the~~ a second portion is positioned in a substantially horizontal plane.

13. (Previously Presented) The pet securing device of claim 12, wherein the second portion includes a plurality of apertures configured to receive a plurality of fasteners configured to couple the second portion to one of the horizontal and vertical surfaces.

14. (Previously Presented) The pet securing device of claim 12, wherein the bar is coupled to the second portion.

15. (Previously Presented) The pet securing device of claim 12, wherein the second portion of the frame includes a generally semi-circularly shaped perimeter.

16. (Previously Presented) The pet securing device of claim 9, wherein the bar includes first and second ends configured to receive one of a pair of fasteners, each of the pair of fasteners configured to extend through apertures in the frame to couple the ends of the bar to the frame.

17. (Previously Presented) The pet securing device of claim 9, wherein the bar is substantially U-shaped.

18. (Previously Presented) The pet securing device of claim 17, wherein the bar includes a pair of leg portions including first and second ends and a middle portion, the first end of the leg portions coupled to the frame, the second end of each leg portion including a curved portion, the curved portion coupled to the middle portion.

19. (Previously Presented) The pet securing device of claim 9, further comprising a retractable leash coupled to the frame.

20. (Currently Amended) A pet securing device configured to couple to one of a horizontal surface and a vertical surface, the pet-securing device comprising:

a frame including a first ~~and second portions, the first~~ portion defining a perimeter, the perimeter generally shaped like an animal, the frame including a plurality of apertures, at least a pair of the plurality of apertures configured to accept a first pair of fasteners configured to couple the frame to one of the horizontal and the vertical surface; and

a U-shaped bar extending from the frame and configured to receive a leash, the U-shaped portion including two leg portions and a middle portion, each leg portion including a first and second end, the first end of each leg portion including a curved portion configured to couple to the middle portion, the second end of each leg portion configured to receive one of a second pair of fasteners, each fastener of the second pair of fasteners configured to extend through one of the plurality of apertures in the frame and couple to the leg portions.

21. (Previously Presented) The pet-securing device of claim 20, wherein the leg portions extend from the frame at about a 90 degree angle.

22. (Currently Amended) A pet-securing device configured to couple to one of a horizontal surface and a vertical surface, the pet-securing device comprising:

a frame including a first ~~and second portions, the frame including portion and~~ a plurality of apertures, at least a pair of the plurality of apertures configured to receive a first pair of fasteners configured to couple the frame to one of the horizontal and the vertical surfaces; and

a bar extending from the frame and configured to receive a leash, the bar including first and second ends, each end of the bar coupled to the frame at a position immediately adjacent to each of the first pair of fasteners.

23. (Currently Amended) The pet securing device of claim 22, wherein the first ~~and portion is coupled to a second portions portion~~ of the frame ~~are coupled together~~ at about a 90 degree angle, the first portion being substantially vertical, the second portion being substantially horizontal.

24. (Previously Presented) The pet securing device of claim 23, wherein the bar is coupled to the second portion and the second portion includes the plurality of apertures.

25. (Previously Presented) The pet securing device of claim 23, wherein the bar is spaced apart from the first portion of the frame.

26. (Previously Presented) The pet securing device of claim 23, wherein the first portion of the frame includes a generally animal shaped perimeter.

27. (Previously Presented) The pet securing device of claim 22, wherein the frame includes a generally animal shaped perimeter.

28. (Previously Presented) The pet securing device of claim 22, wherein the first and second ends of the bar are configured to receive one of a second pair of fasteners, each of the second pair of fasteners configured to extend through a pair of apertures in the first portion to couple the ends of the bar to the frame.